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## The Intelligencer.

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THE approaching contest is rendered especially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the Government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment and will be of far-reaching consequence.

James G. Blaine.

The Minneapolis Game—The Duty of the Republican National Committee.

The INTELLIGENCER has published reports, made on what seems to be good authority, of the exorbitant charges of Minneapolis hotel-keepers for accommodations during convention time.

It was said that as much as \$50 a day was asked for a room. It was also represented that such a crowd of people as have been attending national conventions in recent years could not find accommodations at any price, and that of such a crowd many would find no place to sleep.

So far as the INTELLIGENCER has seen Minneapolis has not thought these reports worthy of her notice. At all events there has been no denial of the allegations.

An inquiry made by the INTELLIGENCER brings a response which indicates that Minneapolis is playing the cut-purse. A resident of that city reports that the best he can do is to secure a room within two blocks of the West House at four dollars a day. This, of course, is for lodging only. If meals be in like proportion living in Minneapolis during the convention will come properly under the head of a luxury.

When the candidates for the honor and the profit of the convention were presenting their cases in Washington it was put at Minneapolis strongly that she could not lodge the people, and that the insufficiency of accommodation would result in exorbitant prices for such as could be had. Minneapolis denied this and pledged ample accommodations at ordinary prices for all who might attend. There was to be no gouging, for was not the city to stand in the attitude of a host?

There seems to be in the Minneapolis view a radical difference between a convention sought and a convention in the hand. If the prices now being demanded could have been exhibited by authority at Washington when Minneapolis was begging for the convention, some other place would have been chosen. The national committee would have asked the convention to camp out in the mountains or on the prairies rather than play into the hands of confidence men.

It is not too late for the Republican national committee to come to the relief of those who must attend the convention—the others can find relief for themselves by staying away. The committee owes it to the Republican party to inquire into the truthfulness of the reports. If they be found to be based on fact there should be no hesitation in changing the place of meeting.

The Republican party would approve this heroic step, and it would be a lesson that would last for all time for the benefit of great gatherings of all kinds. It is not the chief end of a convention to bring together thousands of men to be robbed.

## The Lesson of a Disaster.

If some evil disposed person had desired to catch about 150 persons in a death trap the Hotel Royal, New York, would have been about as good a trap as he could have hit on. The principal portion of the building was erected hurriedly more than thirty years ago to accommodate visitors to the Crystal Palace exhibition, the World's Fair of its day. The public scrutiny of buildings was much less than it is now, and even now there is much to be desired. As new hotels were built with modern improvements this old one among others endeavored to keep up with the procession. Of course it had to put in an elevator, and of course it had to be put in at the least cost. So it was arranged that the elevator and the stairway should keep close company.

When the fire started in the basement it had only to rush up the elevator shaft to command the whole building. The very first thing it did was to make the stairway, next to the elevator shaft,

absolutely useless for any purpose but to destroy life in the most frightful way.

There are more Hotel Royals in New York and elsewhere. Some of them will be torn down before they burn down. Others will stand long enough to repeat the New York horror.

This would not be so if every city were to subject every one of its hotels to rigid and honest inspection by experts and close up the unsafe ones.

## Mr. Beers and His Pull.

It appears that Mr. Beers, of the New York Life Insurance Company, had more of a pull on the directors of that corporation than has hitherto been revealed. In addition to buying him out of the presidency of the company with a life pension of \$25,000 a year he is to have \$12,500 a year for advisory services.

It will be very strange if the policy holders do not try to find a way to learn the meaning of this liberal lading out of their money. The action of the management could hardly be more defiant of public opinion, which it is to the interest of their company to conciliate.

New blood is what keeps a life insurance company alive. Under the peculiar circumstances the new blood will be likely to flow in some other direction.

## The New Hospital.

It is a courageous thing to undertake in Wheeling the maintenance of a second well equipped hospital, and this is the philanthropic task voluntarily imposed on themselves by the earnest men and women who yesterday opened the City Hospital.

Money has been given cheerfully, time and labor as freely, to lay the foundations. The building is well located. The furnishing does credit to those who have had it in charge.

It is to be hoped that this worthy institution has entered on a career of the highest usefulness and that it may soon take rank among the best in the country.

## Might as Well Have Ended It.

Probably it makes no great difference that the natural gas matter is to go back to the committee and wait two weeks more for final disposition, and yet there is no good reason why Council should not have disposed of it last night.

As the case now stands the company, in consideration of the relief it desires, is willing to agree not to advance the price to private consumers. This much having been assured the controversy may as well be closed on this basis. The people want the gas and they want it at a reasonable price.

## A Question of Salary.

It may be that the director-general of the World's Fair gets more compensation than he should in a salary of \$15,000 a year, but this point is not established by pointing to the fact that a justice of the supreme court of the United States has a salary less by \$5,000. A justice holds his place for life. Many city and county officers receive as much compensation as the director-general, some more. The one question is whether the salary of the director-general is excessive in view of the service he renders.

The silver-plated rag baby had its blooming eye blacked in the senate committee yesterday. Here is more encouragement for the friends of a 100-cent dollar. Still more encouragement is found in the certainty of a veto if a free coinage measure reaches the White House in President Harrison's time.

The senate finance committee is composed of a job lot of gold-bugs, monopolists and enemies of the farmer, otherwise it would have given Peffer's Indiana money-lending scheme at least one vote. Peffer now looks up grandly as a man with an able-bodied grievance.

The Register is pleased to speak of "little Mr. Harrison." The President could waste every day more brain power than there is in the Register office and still have enough left to go on giving the country an admirable administration.

The Queen of England's speech is an uninteresting production as compared with the message which the President of the United States sends to Congress. Its greatest merit is its brevity.

When Mr. Blaine says no, there is no string to it.

## BREAKFAST BUDGET.

This is how the presence of mind and audacity of an Omaha thief saved him from being locked up. A policeman who recognized him and knew he was "wanted," put him under arrest, with the words, "You are wanted at headquarters." "Yes, I know," replied the thief, quickly. "I was arrested last night and was bailed out this morning; you are too slow." "It does look that way," said the crest-fallen policeman, as he told the thief he could go, if his permission the thief lost no time in availing himself. Later, to his chagrin, the policeman found that the thief had not been previously arrested.

There is a negro in Meriwether county, Ga., who has fifteen children living. The family, it is said, eat a bushel of potatoes daily. They run a three-horse farm and make all their provisions and thirty bales of cotton besides. They raise sugar cane and make their own syrup and sugar. They even raise rice. They economize in every way, making their own plowstocks, for instance, doing their own blacksmithing, etc. Every edge is made to cut. Avengeance of the negro's good management is shown in the fact that he has lived on the place twenty years.

San Francisco has lost one of her most prominent Chinese merchants. He came to San Francisco in 1849, and, at the time of his death, owned five stores in that city, one in Canton and one in Hong Kong. His name was Lee Yuen, although among the whites he was known as "old Ah Yoo."

Here is an awful story that comes from the Wild West that even up some that have been lately reported from the South: "Near Olympia, Wash., is a well that is coming gradually to the surface. It is between 20 and 30 feet in depth. For some time the brick wall of the well has been protruding through the ground,

until now it sticks up in the air like a funnel to the height of 10 or 15 feet. The bricks are undisturbed, and the wall is intact. The bottom of the well, too, is rising with the wall.

It is reported that a lamb was born at Hornitos, Merced county, Cal., recently that had eight legs, three eyes, three ears, with two perfect bodies attached to one head. One of the ears and also one of the eyes were on top of the head. It lived several hours.

"No," said one chicken to another, "we don't speak to her. She wasn't hatched from the same lot of eggs that we were."

"Oh, I see. She's from a different set, isn't she?"—Washington Star.

## MR. BLAINE'S LETTER.

How it is Viewed and What the Results are Likely to be.

Harrison as Certain as Anything Can Be.

New York Times (Mag.)

Mr. Blaine's letter does, however, make Mr. Harrison's renomination as certain as anything in politics can be. There is no other man in the party that can command anything like the same strength in the convention. And it is only just to Mr. Harrison, though it is not particularly flattering to the party, to say that there are few other men in it who deserve so well. Mr. Harrison's administration has not been an ideal one by any means, but he has distinguished himself by one thing that is very important, and that in the approaching contest may be decisive: He has had the sense and courage to declare openly and unequivocally against free coinage and to pledge himself to promote and defend a currency in which every dollar issued by the United States shall be made equal in value to every other dollar. That is a claim on the party and on the country, that is in any case very great and that may be absolutely controlling. Should the Democratic party be guilty of the stupendous folly of committing itself to the free coinage of silver, it would be equivalent to making a present to Mr. Harrison of enough electoral votes to elect him triumphantly, and to the Republican party of enough seats in Congress to give it a secure and long lease of power.

## A Naturalized Statesman's View.

New York Advertiser (Ind. Dem.)

When the news was conveyed to Jacob Plafieff last evening that Mr. Plaine had written his letter withdrawing from the presidential contest a dark cloud of righteous indignation swept across his usually peaceful brow.

"What's dot you don't told me?" exclaimed Mr. Plafieff with much irritation. "Dot feller Shim Blaine done dose dings under dime? Py golly, he most been hafin' a bad twenty-five cent piece mit his indispepsia."

"You mean a bad quarter of an hour with his indigestion," kindly suggested the reporter.

"Py shiminy 'crickets, I don't care what I mean. Und I don't can told what Shim Blaine means, neider. He writes more ledgers ash a tybewriter, and effer dime he puds his foot inside id like der dickens. He dings he been a sick man all der dime like he vas in der consumption yard mit der hospital, and der same dime he done more hard work ash a deck hand on a steamboat, alretty. Py goodness me, I wish mine luggy stars would keef me some sickness like dot. I bade you seffen tollars I gone inside der convention py Minneapolis and plover der President out of der vater, so high like der sky."

## Why He Declined.

Washington Special Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The Dispatch correspondent can quote Congressman Vincent A. Taylor, of Ohio, who has for years been a very warm personal and political friend of Secretary Blaine. Mr. Taylor said today: "Ten weeks ago, in conversation with Mr. Blaine, he stated to me that the first consideration in his mind respecting the use of his name for the Presidential nomination was his condition of health. Mr. Blaine said to me, as nearly as I can remember: 'At this time I do not see how it would be possible for me to accept the nomination, for it must be apparent to those who know my real condition of health that I could not stand the demands upon my physical and mental resources, either during the campaign or the occupancy of the presidential chair. I shall, however, let time drift on a little while longer, and if I conclude that my health has not improved, I will so notify my friends in unmistakable terms.'"

"There is another consideration which my friends must not overlook. It is that of President Harrison's title to a renomination and a second term. Has he been guilty of any misconduct which should deprive him of a renomination, or which any other Republican might not have at this time in his administration charged to him? Unless circumstances arise which demand the use of a new name at the head of the Republican ticket I could not permit the use of my name, even though my health would admit of the rigors of a campaign and a term at the White House."

"After such a statement as this," concluded Mr. Taylor, "I cannot conceive any condition of circumstances which would warrant Mr. Blaine's withdrawing the statement he has made in the letter published this morning, declining the use of his name in the Minneapolis convention."

The question will naturally arise in the mind of the reader, after the consideration of these statements, why did not Mr. Blaine make public his intentions weeks or months ago? As a matter of fact, Mr. Blaine prepared a letter of considerable length, reviewing the situation and giving in extenso his reasons for withdrawing his name, as long ago as the holidays. He also informed the president confidentially of his intentions to make public such a letter, although he did not state its contents in detail.

## To be Taken Without Reserve.

Chicago Tribune (Rep.)

His wise supporters will accept his letter as having been written without reserve, and they did not impute insincerity to him because he has never yet learned how to be ungracious. The consequences of Mr. Blaine's withdrawal need not be elaborately considered now. To the Tribune it seems to point unerringly to the renomination of President Harrison. No other candidate has as yet raised his head high enough above the surface to attract widespread public attention.

## What Blaine Says Goes.

New York Advertiser (Ind. Dem.)

Mr. Blaine thought he was a very feeble man in the spring of 1888, and yet since that time he has been performing the work which four ordinary gentlemen would groan under. Isn't Mr. Blaine altogether too panicky on the subject of his health? Still he has written his letter, and what Blaine says "goes."

## Getting Their Eyes Open.

Washington Special to the Pittsburgh Commercial.

Twenty hours' reflection has made a decided change in political opinion here regarding the true meaning of Secretary Blaine's letter to Gen. Clarkson pub-

lished this morning, and nine out of every ten Republicans of prominence agree that the secretary was in earnest and that he would not accept the nomination if it were tendered him. The fact that the secretary thus early in the contest has announced his position has given to many the impression that Mr. Blaine, having reached a decision, is not willing to have his position remain in doubt merely to keep the field clear of other candidates.

This Settles It.  
Parksburg State Journal (Rep.)  
This, of course, settles it. Mr. Blaine's declaration will be accepted by the whole country as meaning exactly what it says. Multitudes will accept it with regret and sorrow, but there is no longer any probability that this great and brilliant statesman will ever again be a candidate for the office which everybody admits he would fill with such distinguished ability. West Virginia's choice will now be President Harrison, undoubtedly. He has the respect and esteem of every Republican in the state.

## Harrison His Own Successor.

Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem.)

The letter of Mr. Blaine removes any element of doubt that may have existed touching the Republican nominee for President. It leaves the field, where discerning observers have long known it to be, in the absolute possession of the President. There may be attempted diversions. But they will come to nothing. Mr. Harrison will be his own successor upon the national Republican ticket, and, if there are those who think that he will prove a weak nominee, or a candidate easy to be beaten, they will find themselves mistaken.

## The Field Against Harrison.

Philadelphia Times (Ind. Dem.)

The Plumed Knight is now finally and irrevocably out of the contest for the presidency, and the opposition to Harrison is turned loose to browse around and finally pull itself together on some available man. It will henceforth be the field against Harrison, and with four months' time to crystallize party sentiment it is reasonably safe to assume that the Republicans will select a new man to make the battle of 1892.

## Not Open to Challenge.

Chicago Inter Ocean. (Rep.)

The Republican party will learn with profound regret of the decision he has reached and the determination which is now announced. From any man but him, such a declaration would be open to challenge. A lesser man might be charged with declining what has not yet been offered. But not so with Mr. Blaine.

## "There Still Remains"

Washington Star (Ind.)

With Mr. Blaine's letter there still remains the slightly modifying circumstances that have been called upon to serve their country in spite of their own unwillingness.

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Each Republican club in the state is entitled to be represented by five delegates.

It is requested that the election of delegates be held and a list thereof be forwarded to the Secretary of the State League at Parkersburg, W. Va., as soon as possible.

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